

OUR VICAR WRITES

We hear a great deal of talk in the church today of “collaborative ministry”. We are encouraged to work more closely together as churches within the parish and deanery. Many can think no further than “my church”. Why do we need to work with another church in the parish or deanery? We are doing alright on our own, aren’t we? Surely there can only be only one answer to this. We work together to further the mission of the church, the spread of the gospel, the coming of the Kingdom!

Perhaps the most common temptation among those of us in the “West”, relates to our tendency, as individuals to think of freedom in terms of independence and to reduce human want to the material. Thus we lay up for ourselves treasures on earth, gathering our surplus into barns, fretful for tomorrow’s uncertainty. Will we have enough to live by, enough to be comfortable, enough to ensure our independence later in life? Such thinking has been made a virtue in our society; Jesus exposes this way of thinking – its pride and its futility.

The logic of Jesus’ teaching is so different from the logic that most of us live by, so counter-intuitive, that it requires tremendous mental effort to understand. Who by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Instead of laying up for ourselves treasure in heaven, we are gripped by anxiety over what change in our material fortune tomorrow may bring, such that our every waking moment can become consumed with worry. Most profoundly though, Jesus shows us that such worry is above all foolish, for it is ultimately a failure of faith. We doubt the goodness of God, a God who is first of all our Father and intimately concerned for our every need.

As individuals and as a church, years of self-reliance may mean that for many of us interdependence, trusting others, sharing with others, does not come without a struggle. Let us use this period of Lent to assess what the four churches of our parish can offer to one another and to the deanery in our common objective of bringing the Gospel of Christ to the people of our area. We should not worry about what we will lose because in coming together we will be richly blessed as

we seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, knowing that in doing so tomorrow will take care of itself.

Bob Griffiths

MARCH AT A GLANCE

1 ASH WEDNESDAY (page 75 in the Prayer Book)

10am Holy Eucharist – SH & AS

7pm Holy Eucharist (with imposition of ash) – SP & SD

2 FEAST OF ST DAVID (transferred) (page 241 in the Prayer Book)

10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

12noon Holy Eucharist – Chapel of QE Court

12noon to 1pm Lenten Frugal Lunch – SP Hall

3 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

7.30pm Youth group – Bowling

5 LENT 1

usual Sunday Service

St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay will be celebrating their patronal festival today

6 7pm Deanery Lent Service in St Grwst's Church, Llanrwst

The Evening Koinonia Group are asked to attend this service

7 5pm Ysgol Bodafon Admissions Panel meets

7pm Adult Confirmation Class

7pm for 7.30pm Cytun Lent Course

7.30pm St David's Ladies Fellowship

8 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

10.30am Koinonia Group

12.30pm Llandudno Cytun Ministers Fraternal

4pm Children's Confirmation Class

7pm Llanrhos/Llandudno Lent Service – Hospital Chapel

9 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

12noon – 1pm Lenten Frugal Lunch – SP Hall

7pm St Hilary's Annual Church Meeting

10 Holy Eucharist – SD

12 **LENT 2**

usual Sunday Services

13 2.30pm St Paul's Mothers Union

7pm Deanery Lent Service at St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay

14 2.30pm All Saints Mothers Union

7pm meeting of the Parish Education Group – SP vestry

7pm Adult Confirmation Class

7pm for 7.30pm Cytun Lent Course

15 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

4pm Children's Confirmation Class

7pm Llanrhos/Llandudno Lent Service – Hospital Chapel

16 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

12noon Service in the Chapel of QE Court

12noon to 1pm Lenten Frugal Lunch – SP Hall

7.30pm St Paul's Annual Church Meeting

17 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

7pm wedding interviews – SH

19 **LENT 3**

usual Sunday Service

except St David's – Holy Eucharist at 11am NOT Family Service

20 7pm Deanery Lent Service at St Ffraid's Church, Glan Conwy

21 7pm Adult Confirmation Class

7pm for 7.30pm Cytun Lent Course

7.30pm Ysgol Bodafon Governors Meeting (Finance Committee at 6.30pm)

22 10am Holy Eucharist – AS

2.30pm J C Jones Annual Lecture – Bangor

4pm Children's Confirmation Class

7pm Llanrhos/Llandudno Lent Service – Hospital Chapel

23 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP

12noon to 1pm Lenten Frugal Lunch – SP Hall

7pm All Saints Annual Church Meeting

24 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

26 **LENT 4 (Mothering Sunday)**

usual Sunday Services

except: 11am Family Services at SH & SD not Holy Eucharist

- 6pm “Y2” Service at St Mary’s Church, Llanfair T H
27 2.30pm St Paul’s Mothers Union
7pm Deanery Lent Service at St Michael & All Angels Church,
Llandudno
Junction
28 2.30pm All Saints Mothers Union
7pm Adult Confirmation Class
7pm for 7.30pm Cytun Lent Course
29 10am Holy Eucharist – AS
4pm Children’s Conformation Class
7pm Llanrhos/Llandudno Lent Service – Hospital Chapel
30 10.30am Holy Eucharist – SP
12noon to 1pm Lenten Frugal Lunch – SP Hall
2.30pm Llandudno Hospital league of Friends AGM at the Queen
Hotel,
Llandudno
7pm St David’s Annual Church Meeting
31 10am Holy Eucharist – SD

Items for the April issue of the Parish Magazine should reach THE PARISH OFFICE no later than mid-day on Thursday 9th March 2006.

LENT 2006

We hope that you will “take time out” this Lent to prepare for Easter. There will be numerous opportunities to do this by attending one (or more) of the following:

ASH WEDNESDAY (1st March):

There will be celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at:
10am in St Hilary’s Parish Church AND All Saints Church
7pm (with the imposition of ash) in St Paul’s Church AND St David’s Church

DEANERY LENT SERVICES – 7pm every Monday in March
Theme: “Vocation”

Monday 6th March: St Grwst's Church, Llanrwst

speaker: Rev Chris Webb, Diocesan Evangelism Officer

Monday 13th March: St David's Church, Penrhyn Bay

speaker: Mr Keith Livesey, Reader in the Parish of Llanrhos

Monday 20th March: St Ffraid's Church, Glan Conwy

speaker: Ven E Bernard Thomas, Archdeacon of St Asaph

Monday 27th March: St Michael & All Angels Church, Llandudno Junction

Speaker: Rev Manon Parry, Diocesan Officer for Life-Long Learning

LLANRHOS/LLANDUDNO LENT SERVICES at 7pm in the Chapel of Llandudno Hospital, every Wednesday during Lent.

Theme: "5Ps"

March 8th: Rev Prebendary R H Griffiths – "Preparation"

March 15th: Rev Pam Wright – "Penitence"

March 22nd: Rev Nigel Dilkes – "Prayer"

March 29th: Rev Prebendary John Nice – "Passion"

April 5th: Rev Ginny Burton – "Play"

CYTUN LENT COURSE at 7pm (coffee) for 7.30pm at Stella Maris, Llandudno

The theme being the CTBI (Churches Together in Britain & Ireland) Lent Course "Easter People in a Good Friday World" which explores issues surrounding violence and conflict. The material follows incidents in the passion story to bring out the different themes addressed.

March 7th: Be angry, be violent? led by Rev Fr Anthony Jones

March 14th: Punish, repay, reform? led by Rev Nick Sissons

March 21st: Forgive, forget? Looking at political and religious violence and how we can forgive.

March 28th: Losing our humanity? Healing the dehumanising effects of violence – led by Rev Jane Allen

April 4th: Moving on? The aftermath of violence and moving beyond it.

LENTEN FRUGAL LUNCHEES from 12noon to 1pm in St Paul's Church Hall every Thursday in Lent (*profits are given to various charities*):

March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, & April 6th

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

If your problems are too small to pray for, they are also too small to worry about.

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW ON OUR
2006 Parish Holiday to
NEWCASTLE/GATESHEAD
from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October
cost: £280 per person
based on**

- two people sharing a double/twin room with private facilities, TV, tea/coffee making facilities, hair dryer etc
- 4 nights accommodation at the 4* Newcastle Marriott Hotel, Gosforth Park – the hotel is situated in its own grounds (12 acres) and includes an extensive leisure club which includes an indoor swimming pool. There is a trim trail within the grounds and three all weather tennis courts. there is a nearby Golf Course. The hotel has a café bar and a traditional dining room.
- Full English Breakfast
- 3 course evening meal
- Day Trip to Durham & Beamish Open Air Museum
- Visit to Alnwick Castle (famous as Hogwarts School in the Harry Potter films) with an option to visit the wonderful gardens and new tree house

we regret that there are no single room available

Leaflets regarding the holiday can be found in church or can be obtained from the Vicar or Parish Office.

BAD TIMING: The luggage-laden husband stared miserably out of the window of the airline terminal at the departing jet. "If you hadn't taken so long in getting ready," he complained to his wife, "we would have caught that plane!" "That's may be," she retorted. "But if you hadn't hurried me along, we wouldn't have so long to wait for the next one!"

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

These meetings are the AGM for each of the churches in the parish and we encourage members of the individual congregations to come along. The church accounts and reports are presented and nominations for the various committees and tasks within the churches take place.

St Hilary's Parish Church – Thursday 9th March – 7pm in Llanrhos Schoolroom

St Paul's Church – Thursday 16th March – 7.30pm in the Church Vestry or Hall

All Saints Church – Thursday 23rd March – 7pm in Church

St David's Church – Thursday 30th March – 7pm in Church

The ANNUAL PARISH VESTRY MEETING will take place at 7pm in Llanrhos Schoolroom on Thursday 6th April – this is the AGM for the whole parish and we encourage you to attend. At this meeting the parish accounts are presented and the nominations from the four churches are ratified.

The modern youngster's idea of roughing it is to live in a house with only one phone.

FINAL CURTAIN: "Did the play have the usual happy ending?" "Oh yes – everybody was glad when it was over!"

PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL: copies of the electoral roll are available for you to see and check if your name is included – please ask the churchwardens.

If you did not complete an Electoral Roll application form in 2005 or subsequently we encourage you to do so. This entitles you to vote at the Annual Church Meeting. Also the clergy use the Electoral Roll as the foundation of their visiting lists.

You are invited to come along to the **AGM of the Llandudno Hospital League of Friends Thursday 30th March** at 2.30pm in the Queens Hotel on the promenade at Llandudno. Guest speaker – Philip James, Chairman for Wales of National Assoc. of Hospital and Community Friends. Refreshments will be served and a collection taken in aid of funds. Please support our local hospital – why not join as a member of the League?

OOPS: The driver was concentrating on the traffic, but he had this niggling feeling that he had forgotten something. he stopped, checked his suitcases and his wallet and airline ticket, and they were all there. Baffled, he drove on and finally reached the airport, where he met up with the rest of the family. His little grandson rushed up and hugged him. “Hi Granpa! Where’s Grannie?”

MOTHERING SUNDAY 2006

Sunday 26th March

There will be special services for Mothering Sunday at:

9.45am Holy Eucharist – SP

11am Family Service – SH , AS & SD

during the services posies and Mothering Sunday Cards will be distributed

Help is needed in making the posies – SH & SP 10.30am in Llanrhos Schoolroom – gifts of flowers and foliage would be gratefully appreciated.

AS & SD please check with the churchwardens.

THE ANNUAL J C JONES MEMORIAL LECTURE

2006

Will be held in Bangor Cathedral at 2.30pm on Wednesday 22nd March and there is an invitation to arrive at 12.30pm for a ‘Bring and Share’ lunch.

This is the Lecture that used to happen in St Paul’s Church Hall

The **GOVERNORS of Ysgol Bodafon** meet at 7.30pm in school (the Governors Finance Committee meet at 6.30pm) on Tuesday 21st March 2006.

The **PARISH EDUCATION GROUP** meet at 7pm in the vestry of St Paul's Church on Tuesday 14th March.

GO ON: The parents of a little boy either couldn't or wouldn't control him during the flight from London to Majorca. The child was running up and down the aisle and getting in the way. Finally, as the stewardess was serving coffee, he bumped into her and caused her to spill the tray. As she was cleaning up the mess, she eyed the boy and suggested with a smile: "Why don't you be a good little boy and run outside and play awhile?"

We ask that members of the **EVENING KOINONIA GROUP** attend the Deanery Lent Service at 7pm in St Grwst's Church, Llanrwst on Monday 6th March.

ST DAVID'S DAY 2006

The 1st March this year is also Ash Wednesday and no saint's day can take precedence over this. For this reason the Church in Wales will be celebrating the Feast of St David on Thursday 2nd March. There will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in St Paul's Church at 10.30am – we hope you will come along.

St David's Church will be celebrating their Patronal Festival on Sunday 5th March when there will be celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 8am and 11am.

A young tourist was strumming his guitar on the balcony of his hotel in the small hours of the morning when the hotel owner knocked on the door. "Do you know other guests are asleep?" he demanded. "No," admitted the young musician. "But hum a little of it. Maybe I'll pick it up as we go along."

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

05.02.06 Owen John Williams (SD)

Grant O Lord, that all who are baptised into the death of Jesus Christ, your Son, may live in the power of his resurrection and look to Him to come in glory. Amen.

FUNERALS

06.01.06 Ada Slater (Colwyn Bay)

- 09.01.06 Amy Doreen Thomas (Chapel of Rest & The Lawns)
 10.01.06 Elsie Clifton (Colwyn Bay)
 12.01.06 William (Bill) Osborne (Colwyn Bay)
 13.01.06 Robert Regan (Colwyn Bay)
 16.01.06 Jean Mary Baldwin (Colwyn Bay)
 19.01.06 Elsie Violet Shepherd (Colwyn Bay)
 Noreen Bishop Jones (SH & The Lawns)
 20.01.06 Martha Alice Evans (Colwyn Bay)
 Edward George Hind (Colwyn Bay)
 George Spencer (Colwyn Bay)
 Sheila Dunphy (Colwyn Bay)
 23.01.06 Richard (Dick) Roberts Owen (SH & Colwyn Bay)
 Margaret Winifred Thorpe (Colwyn Bay)
 24.01.06 George Arthur Mortimer (SP & Colwyn Bay)
 25.01.06 Sarah M Newcombe (Colwyn Bay)
 26.01.06 Mary Gough (SD & Colwyn Bay)
 Olwen Brynton (Colwyn Bay)
 Raymond Elliott (Colwyn Bay)
 27.01.06 Quentin Ian Grierson-Jones (Colwyn Bay)
 30.01.06 William Patrick Roberts (Colwyn Bay)
 Valerie Jenkins (Colwyn Bay)
 Ellen Calland (Colwyn Bay)
 31.01.06 Margaret Eliza Lloyd (Colwyn Bay)
 01.02.06 Richard Atherton (Colwyn Bay)
 02.02.06 Anthony Salt (SH & The Lawns)
 06.02.06 June Francis Owen (Colwyn Bay)

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered, accept our prayers on behalf of these your servants and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Is it true,” the tourist asked the game warden, “that wild animals on this reserve will not harm you if you carry a torch?” “It all depends,” said the game warden thoughtfully, “on how fast you carry it.”

PARISH OF LLANRHOS - MEN'S GROUP

Only 33.3% of the Membership attended the Group's AGM on the 17th January. The intention had been for the meeting to plan the Group's activities for the oncoming year. But the low attendance, coupled with a review of the even lower attendances at some of the meetings in 2005, led us to ask ourselves..... **WHY??**

Why do so few men in the Parish's FOUR churches seem not to want to be involved in the Men's Group?

The aim of the Group throughout its existence has been to provide a meeting place for the Men in the Parish to get together for simple Fellowship. We have listened to Speakers on a wide variety of topics, we have had quizzes and games nights, we have had trips out to various places of interest, we have had meals out with the ladies and skittles nights., yet attendances are steadily dropping.

On Tuesday the 14th March we will be meeting in St David's Church Hall to discuss the future of the Group. We usually gather at 7pm for a couple of hours but that night, due to other use of the Hall, we will be starting **at 8pm**. We hope that we will have a good attendance of existing members and of others interested in joining the Group.

We look forwards to a useful discussion and the usual time of friendly FELLOWSHIP. Please do come and join in.

PARISH SHROVE TUESDAY QUIZ!

Tuesday 28th February in St David's Church Hall at 7.30pm til 10pm. Cheese and Biscuits and a glass of wine (or tea/coffee) will be served. Admission £3. Please phone Keith Livesey 548492 or Phil Williams 546840 for more details.

SHARED AT THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

‘LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD’ (1 Cor 3 verse9)

The Carpenter’s tools had a conference. Bro. Hammer was in the chair. The meeting had informed him that he must leave because he was too noisy, but he said ‘ if I am to leave this carpenter’s shop, Bro. Gimlet must go too: he is so insignificant that he makes very little impression’. Little Bro. Gimlet arose and said, ‘alright, but Bro. Screw must go also. You have to turn him around and around, again and again to get him anywhere.’ Bro. Screw then said, ‘if you wish I will go, but Bro. Plane must leave also: all his work is on the surface – there is no depth to it’. To this Bro. Plane replied, ‘Bro Rule will have to withdraw if I do, for he is always measuring others folks as he is the only one who is right.’ Bro. Rule then complained against Bro. Sandpaper. ‘I just don’t care, he is rougher than he ought to be and he is always rubbing people up the wrong way.’

In the midst of the discussion the Carpenter of Nazareth walked in. He had come to perform his day’s work. He put on his apron, and went to the bench to make a pulpit. He employed the screw, gimlet, the sandpaper, the plane and the saw, which was about to be criticized by Bro. Sandpaper as the Master Carpenter entered the door. He used all the tools to complete the task. After the day’s work was over and the pulpit was finished, Bro. Saw arose and said, ‘Brethren, I perceive that all of us are ‘Labourers together with God.’

How many of us Christians are just like those tools, fussing, even criticizing others in the church, like in that workshop, because they do not do things the way we think they should? There was not an accusation against any of those tools that was not absolutely true, yet the Carpenter used every one of them. How careful we should be not to find fault with any of God’s tools. Bernard Lynch.

A VOICE CALLING.....

An interactive training day on 14th March 2006 between 10.30am and 4pm at Coledg y Bala, Ffordd Ffrydan, Bala, Gwynedd.

We all want to be able to communicate the message of the Bible to our congregations more effectively in order to further our mission and witness to the world. A days training has been arranged and will be led by Rev Chris Sunderland who leads AGORA. See www.agoraspace.org in order to find out more about Chris Sunderland's creative approach to communicating the Bible's message. A charge of £15 will be necessary in order to cover the cost of teas, coffees and mid-day meal. The day's activities will be bi-lingual. If you would like to a booking form please contact Mandy at the parish office

CHRISTIAN AID

Monies coming in from collections and donations over the Christmas period were just over £2,300.00.

Our Parish Appeal raised £649.25. Thank you for giving in a year, which has been characterised by natural disasters around the world; many affecting the poorest communities.

Our first event for 2006 will be our **PARISH COFFEE MORNING** held jointly with St David's, Craigydon. This will be held at **ST DAVID'S CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 8TH**. We are responsible for the stalls and would appreciate help and donations of cakes, jams and bric-a-brac etc. Do come along and support if you can.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK WILL BE 14TH - 20TH MAY. Our Parish covers a large area and we always need more collectors so please consider if you could help with this work and let your Church representative know. There will also be a special service at St John's Church in Llandudno on **MAY 7TH** at 7.45pm.

Would anyone be willing from ALL SAINTS' and ST DAVID'S Churches to attend the committee meetings? Usually 4 a year?

Please contact myself, or the Vicar if you are interested.

Thank you for your support in 2005 and with your help, we can make 2006 even better. Jeannettee B-Williams

THE RNLI IN LLANDUDNO

The station has had a few call-outs in recent weeks, largely due to the seasonal decrease in local leisure boating activity. However, routine training exercises have continued, with both lifeboats regularly being taken to sea.

Llandudno crewmen had a rather longer trip when they helped crew a relief lifeboat for the passage from Conwy to Ramsey, Isle of Man.

They then exchanged boats before helping to bring the Ramsey Station Lifeboat back to Conwy Marina to undergo maintenance work. The marina provides a convenient location for engineers from the RNLI West division base at St Asaph to carry out work on the Division's lifeboats, either afloat in the basin or lifted out ashore (the marina has a boat lift which can take all but the largest lifeboats) During recent months lifeboats stationed at Holyhead, Moelfre, Rhyl, Ramsey and Douglas have all visited the marina at various times.

As in previous years the fundraising Guild's sales caravan will be on Llandudno promenade on Sundays and Bank holidays this summer alongside the all-weather lifeboat. Volunteers to help at the caravan with sales of lifeboat souvenirs are always welcome; full details of what is involved can be obtained, without obligation, from the Guild Secretary Mrs Lyn Brown on 01492 874415.

THE EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP IN THE CHURCH IN WALES PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

The EFCW Provincial Conference will be held on Saturday May 20th 2006 at the Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells –speaker Brother Andrew (God's Smuggler) book the date now – further details will be given near the time. Further details available from the Parish Office.

CALLING ALL CHOIRS

The North Wales choral Festival 2006, sponsored by Stena Line and Conwy County Borough Council's Arts Service, is currently looking for Choirs to take part in the event on 11th March 2006 in North Wales Theatre Llandudno. There are choirs from Wales, Ireland and England taking part and there are cash prizes too. However, so far we haven't had any response from any choirs in Conwy! So if you are part of a choir or know of any choirs who would like to take part please contact me as soon as possible – Elaine Molyneux, Arts Development Officer – Tel 01492 575572.

REMINDER TO CHURCH TREASURERS AND TREASURERS OF CHURCH CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

The Annual Parish Report is now being collated and it would be appreciated if your annual accounts could be in the Parish Office **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2006**. All Financial accounts relating to activities within the churches of the parish should be included in the annual report.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 3rd MARCH

Welsh Service – 2.30pm at Seilo Chapel – preacher Nan Powell Davies

English Services – 3pm at St David's Methodist Church, Craigydun – preacher Mrs Frances Williams

And at 7.30pm at St John's Methodist Church, Llandudno – preacher Mrs Desiree Blease.

EVERYONE - women and men are invited to come together for the Women's World Day of Prayer.

PROM PRAISE with the Orchestra of All Soul's Church, Langham Place, London will be returning to the North Wales Theatre on September 16th – tickets £12, £10 and £8 – Contact Neil Kirkham – 878056.

C P C – CANCER PATIENT CARE

We have had a request for Consultant Urological surgeon Mr Srinivasan for **HELP** to extend the treatment centre for Prostate, Liver and Kidney Cancer at St Asaph at a cost in the region of £500,000. We are starting our spring fundraising with a 2 course supper at the Llandrillo College Orme View Restaurant on **Thursday March 23rd**, followed by entertainment – hopefully, also, a celebrity will be able to attend. Tickets are £10 and available now from Mrs Phyllis Ford **NOW!** Please ring 01492 545340 for more information and to reserve your tickets.

ST HILARY'S PARISH CHURCH

A Report from the Church Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18th January 2006:

The Vicar said that confirmation of two further legacies had been received – a little over £11,000 from the estate of Kenneth and Gwyneth Cheetham and £10,000 for the churchyard from the estate of Annis Boole.

The provisional financial report for 2005 showed a surplus for the year of £3663. An interim bill for the restoration work (£59,397.95) had been paid, CADW had paid part of the grant (just over £23,000). About £100,000 for the builders was still outstanding for the restoration work but the Reserve Account (used for the restoration work) had in it, approximately £160,000. The National Savings Account had not been touched and still stood at around £64,000. Because of legacies we had not had to appeal to the congregation for funds to undertake the work on the church. However, much work was still needed and no doubt an appeal would have to be launched at some future date.

Other matters reported regarding the repair and restoration work were:

Boundary Wall: we still await news!

Windows: a further quotation and update of a previous quotation would be sought to enable us to apply for a grant from CADW.

Electrical Work: before redecorating the church it was suggested and the church committee agreed that we should rewire the church (with extra power points) as the original installation was in 1953.

It was also agreed to seek the costs of lighting the paths through the churchyard.

Internal Decoration and Refurbishment: this will be looked at when all the work is completed.

Churchyard Paths: it was agreed to look at this once all the work had been completed on the church.

It was also agreed that the church committee should look at, with Mostyn Estates, what can and can't be done with the Schoolroom. This would be done once the work on the church had been completed.

The Vicar updated the committee on the clerical staffing in the parish.

A discussion took place on how to encourage young families to become more involved in services other than the monthly family service and the life of the church in general. It was agreed to begin the next church committee meeting with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist using the 2004 rite.

The ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING will take place at 7pm in the Schoolroom on Thursday 9th March.

The next CHURCH COMMITTEE meeting will take place at 7pm in the Schoolroom on Thursday 8th June.

COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY:

Cash: £398.60 FWO: £1162.50 Total: £1561.10

ROTAS AT THE PARISH CHURCH

Readers: 11am

6.30pm

March 5	Family Service	E Williams
12	V Jones	A Jones
19	A Hughes	G Williams (W)
26	Family Service	T Faulkner

April 2	A Hutchings	A Russell
9	J Narey	E Williams
16	O Wakefield	Easter Carol Service
23	Phyl Evans	A Jones
30	I Webster	T Faulkner

Sidespeople:	11am	6.30pm
Mar 5	Mr P Dent	Mrs A Jones
	Mr D A Jones	
Mar 12 & 19	Mr D Evans	Mr A Russell
	Mrs P Evans	
Mar 26 & Apr 2	Dr R Hughes	Mr H Gent
	Mr J Boole	
Apr 9 & 16	Mr B Ashley	Messrs Faulkner
	Mr Leighton Davies	
Apr 23 & 30	Mr P Dent	Mrs A Jones
	Mr D A Jones	

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Report from the Church Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2006.

In the absence of the treasurer a written report was read out. The preliminary accounts for 2005 showed a surplus of a little over £1700.00. This followed a deficit of some £14,000.00 for the year 2004. This turn around was due to the fact that no major repairs and renewals had taken place in 2005 although we had undertaken some minor works. Legacies had accounted for just of £5000.00 but this was not "reliable" income. Also the Showplayers had contributed nearly £2000.00. This would not be case in 2006 as they were not returning for the 2006 summer season. There was also just a little over £1000.00 raised from our Flower Festival. We would have to work very hard to make up these "lost" sums in 2006.

The date of the 2006 Gift Day was set for 7th and 10th September. The Sunday would tie in with the European Heritage Weekend that we hope to be part of this year. We would need "minders" in church

for 9th and 10th September when the church would be open under this scheme.

The SUMMER FETE date was set for Thursday 27th July from 10am to 12noon.

The church would once more be open over the Extravaganza Weekend. The North Wales Embroiderers Guild would be staging an exhibition in the church over this period (29th & 30th April and 1st May). "Mindere" would be needed for the church over this period and on Monday 1st May we would once again open up the Church Hall to serve refreshments.

A request from agents of VODAFONE had been in contact to ask if a telecommunications mast could be installed on St Paul's Church. The Vicar outlined the process by which this could happen. The church would need to apply for a Faculty for the work to take place, the agents of Vodafone would need to apply for Listed Building Consent and a contract would be negotiated between them and the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. Vodafone was offering a rent of £5000 per annum to the church. In principle the church was committee was in agreement with this process continuing. Whilst there is some strong public feelings about such masts there was no medical evidence proving any health risks from such installations. There are such installations on the North Wales Theatre. It was hoped that if such an installation went ahead that it could be housed in the air vent on top of the roof. A meeting would take place at St Paul's on 2nd February with Vodafone representatives to discuss further details.

It was agreed to look at a trolley for moving the Nave Altar when this needs to be done.

It was agreed to purchase a second water heater for making the teas at the back of church as the original heater had broken.

Comment was made on parts of the Sunday Service not being fully participatory by the congregation. The members of the choir present agreed to communicate views to the organist and members of the committee were encouraged to talk to Mr Robinson and share their opinions and views with him. Appreciation was also expressed as to the good standard of music at St Paul's, which is appreciated.

The date of the next Church Committee Meeting would be on Wednesday 21st June at 7pm.

The **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** will take place on Thursday 16th March.

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 5th – First Sunday in Lent – No Flowers in Lent

April 16th - EASTER DAY - Flowers – gift of congregation.

COLLECTIONS (JANUARY)

Cash £309.28 FWO £1272.70 Total £1581.98

There will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday – March 1st at 7pm in St Paul's Church.

Frugal Lunches will be served each Thursday in the Church Hall during Lent, beginning on Thursday March 2nd – 12 noon to 1pm.

A meeting has been arranged to be held in St David's Church hall on Tuesday March 14th to discuss the future plans – if any – for the continued existence of the Parish Mens' Group. There was an abysmal attendance at the AGM on January 10th. Which poses the question – where do we go from here? Men – if interested – please try to attend on March 14th!

Where there is belief, there is love,
Where there is love, there is peace,
Where there is peace, there is grace,
Where there is grace, there is God.

A lovely Hungarian blessing.

JSW

MOTHERS UNION NOTES - EVENTS FOR MARCH

Corporate Communion for all our members on March 2nd at 10.30am – reader Mrs Ros Holland.

Coffee Mornings every Thursday from 10.30am to 12 noon. Coffee and biscuits 60p. ALL WELCOME

Monday March 13th – Councillor John Boyle

Monday March 27th – Informal Meeting

Monday March 27th – Prayer Group meet at 1.45pm

We regret to record the death of Mr Arthur Mortimer quite suddenly in January. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife, Mavis and their family, our thoughts and prayers go out to them all at this sad time.

We send our love and all good wishes to Mrs Marjorie Kearsley and her husband Tom, who are both getting over their accidents. We hope to see Marjorie at our meetings again in the near future. All good wishes too to Mrs Irene Wood – also getting over her fall.

Audrey Williams

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

COLLECTIONS – JANUARY

Cash £213.88 FWO £856.00 Total £1069.88

MOTHERS UNION NOTES

The New Year started with an enrolment service taken by the Vicar during our Holy Eucharist. We are very pleased and happy to welcome our new members Mrs Norah Didlick, Mrs Lora Dobell and Mr Jeff Wright. As always, the Vicar gave us food for thought and encouragement in our lives.

Our AGM was held at a member home due to work being carried out at Bethel Chapel Schoolroom. We are very grateful to Mrs Vera Gordon for making us so welcome and to her daughter for her help.

The usual reports were given and all were thanked for their hard work and loyalty during the past year. Mr Jeff Wright gave us a short monologue ‘It’s in the Book’ and it was much appreciated by all.

It is hoped that we will be back in Bethel Chapel Schoolroom for our meetings in March. On the 14th March we are having a talk about Re-cycling waste by Meira Owen and we look forward to a talk and slides of North Cape of Norway given by Mrs Ceanne Harper. Both meetings start at 2.30pm and all are very welcome to come along. Our corporate communion is 1st March and we look forward to seeing you all there.

We started on an up-lifting service but sadly soon afterwards we heard of Mrs Mrs Joyce Trevor's death. Joyce was a loyal and faithful member and took part in reading in our church services and in our meetings. She also took other members to and from meetings while she was able. She was a tea lady for a long time too. We all will miss Joyce. We send our sympathy to all who knew her. May she now rest in peace.

The Women's World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 3rd March – all details are to be found on the poster in the church porch. Please try to attend one of the meetings, It is for ALL people.

Thursday 23rd March at 7pm our Church AGM (pre-vestry) will be held in church. Please make an effort to be there to give us your views and ideas. This meeting is for ALL church members.

There is church magazines left each month, which is a shame as it gives lots of information about meetings in the whole of our Parish. It also has information about people and helpful adverts besides from other pieces and money matters. If you enjoy reading yours then please encourage other people to buy one for themselves.

ROTAS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH:

Intercession Leaders at the 11am service:

March	5	Clergy	April	2	Mr N Reggett
	12	Mrs S Crawford		9	Mrs D Laight
	19	Mr G Havard		16	Clergy
	26	Clergy		23	Clergy
				30	Mr J Wright

Sidespeople: 8am

March 5 -
12 Mr R W Doyle
19 Mrs E A C Doyle
26 Mrs M Meldrum
April 2 -
9 Mrs B Thoburn
16 Mr P Brown
23 Mrs V Gradwell
30 Miss P Murphy

11am

Mr B Roberts & Mrs M Roberts
Mrs C Giles & Mrs H Brookes
Mrs A Cross & Mrs S Oldfield
Mrs S Crawford & Mrs T Teixeira
Mrs P Reed & Mrs J Lancaster
Miss J Barrington & Mrs P Reed
Mr G Havard & Mrs B Havard
Mr N Reggett & Mrs B Reggett
Mrs T Teixeira & Mrs H Brookes

Readers at the 11am service:

March 6 Mr J Wright & Mrs D Laight (Mr B Roberts)
12 Miss J Preece & Miss M Worthington (Mrs S Crawford)
19 Mrs B Roberts & Mrs C Giles (Mr N Reggett)
26 All-Age Worship

April 2 Mr G T Havard & Mrs S Crawford (Mrs D Laight)
9 Mrs B Reggett & Mrs N Reggett (Miss M Worthington)
16 Mrs D Laight & Mr J Wright (Mrs C Giles)
23 All-Age Worship
30 Miss M Wothington & Mrs J Preece (Mr G T Havard)

ST DAVID'S CHURCH

PARKING: We have received a complaint from Mr & Mrs Sweeney of 4 Penrhyn Beach East regarding people obstructing their drive when at church services and when using the hall. Could we ask that the front and back car parking areas are filled (and everyone parking sensibly) before parking along Penrhyn Beach East and that if you do have to park on the road please make sure you are not obstructing drives. This will help us keep on good terms with our neighbours.

We held our Family Service on 15th January and, as usual it was a very pleasant occasion but then on 25th January we had a short memorial service when we remembered Mrs Enid Large who had

sadly passed away the previous week. Her funeral took place at the same time in Knutsford where she had been staying with her daughter, when she was well and able Enid was a loyal and hardworking member of St David's Church and the Ladies' Fellowship and she will be remembered with affection by many people.

Because St David's day falls this year on Ash Wednesday (1st March) we at St David's Church, intend to celebrate St David's life and work on Sunday 5th March so we hope as many people as possible will be able to attend the 11am service on that day. There will be a service for Ash Wednesday at 7pm on 1st March.

At a meeting of the Church committee on 11th January, it was agreed that when events take place outside our own locality, a sheet should be pinned to the notice board in the church porch upon which anyone going by car to that particular event, and with room for 1 or more passengers, can write their name and phone number and the number of seats available, and anyone wishing to go to that event but needing a lift can contact such people either in church or by phone.

Hopefully we shall be able to put a note in the Pew News a week or 2 before, reminding everyone of this arrangement. Probably the next occasion will be the Lent Services, which take place in Llandudno hospital Chapel each Wednesday in Lent. We hope this might prove helpful to people without cars.

Instead of Matins on 5th February, we celebrated Candlemas (2nd Feb) the time of the presentation of Christ in the Temple – with a service of Holy Eucharist using the 2004 version. Some of our usual congregation were missing but we're sure those of us who were there, including several of our young people, enjoyed the experience. Ginny in her address explained that at this time of the year we are looking back to Christ's birth at Christmas and forward to Lent and his Passion – and meanwhile she was pruning a Christmas tree until it resembled the upright stake and 2 arms of a cross. During the time we received the bread and wine, 2 of our young girls, Abi and Rachael sang a hymn accompanied by Lisa and Roy on their guitars. We all had candles, which were lighted during the recessional hymn and altogether it, was a good service. There seem to be rather mixed

feelings within the congregation about the 2004 version of the Holy Eucharist with its as yet unfamiliar music but, generally, it is quite well accepted and, as Ginny, said we do need to move forward in our Worship. This particular version will, in future, be used on the 4th Sunday in each month.

And lastly, don't forget to put your clocks forward 1 hour on Saturday 25th March – the start of British Summer Time!

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 5th – St David's Ladies Fellowship - daffodils
Otherwise NO flowers during Lent

BRASSES – Mrs Maura Gregory

COLLECTIONS JANUARY 2006

Cash £270.10 FWO £1196.65 Cash £1467.35

ST DAVID'S LADIES FELLOWSHIP

In the absence of Jeanette who was still away, our secretary, Mrs Anne Rowland opened the meeting and it was her sad duty to tell our members of the death of Mrs Enid Large in January. Enid was a former treasurer and loyal member of our Fellowship for many years. After various notices and a short time of prayer, Anne introduced our speaker, Mrs Ceanne Harper. It was a very wet and windy evening so unfortunately we didn't have quite so many ladies as usual in our audience, which was a great pity because Mrs Harper gave a wonderful description of a visit she and her husband, Albert, made to Ecuador, right high up in the North West of South America. She illustrated her talk with many beautiful slides and music of that country. I'm sure everyone must have enjoyed every minute of her excellent talk and she was thanked very sincerely on behalf of us all by Anne. Our next meeting is to take place on March 7th, when Rev Jane Allen will give a Lenten address.

MOTHERING SUNDAY – FAMILY SERVICE

This year, Mothering Sunday falls on March 26th. We shall therefore, instead of the 2004 Holy Eucharist, have our Family Service. In place of the Family Service on the third Sunday in March, the 19th, we shall have a service of Holy Eucharist.

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This service, which this year has been prepared by the Women of South Africa and which is entitled ‘Signs of the Times’ will be held in St David’s Church at 2.30pm on Friday 3rd March. The speaker will be the Rev’d Jane Allen and light refreshments in the church hall will follow the service. Everyone will be very welcome.

SIDESPERSIONS’ ROTA

	8am	11am
Mar 5 th	Mrs D Darby	Mr J Roberts, Mr P Williams Mrs D Wilson, Miss J Cooper
Mar 12 th	Miss J Cooper	Mrs V Coates, Mr R Coates Mrs K Evans, Mrs V Miller
Mar 19 th	Mr D Cuttell	Mrs A Rowland, Mrs J Davies Mr J Roberts
Mar 26 th	Mr J Jones	Mr G Williams, Mrs D Evans Mr N McNulty

OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE CHURCH ROTA

Mar 6 th – Mrs M Gregory	April 3 rd – Miss J Cooper
Mar 13 th – Mr R Coates	April 10 th – Mrs M Gregory
Mar 20 th – Miss M Ridings	April 17 th – Mr R Coates
Mar 27 th – Miss G Owen	April 24 th – Miss M Ridings